



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees in Nebraska and is now observed in Tennessee, throughout the nation and around the world as a call to stewardship and hope for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee's trees and forests are vital to the state's economic prosperity and quality of life, enhancing communities, supporting jobs and forest products, improving air and water quality, conserving soil and providing habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day uniquely honors the legacy of those who planted before us while inspiring Tennesseans to care for and expand our tree canopy for the benefit of future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee recognizes the importance of conserving and perpetuating our rich heritage of trees and forests, which provide beauty, education, recreation, personal renewal and sustainable natural resources;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the Great State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 6, 2026, as

*Arbor Day*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this eighteenth day of February 2026.



*Bill Lee*

Governor

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Secretary of State